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 For: APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR MINIMALLY INVASIVE VALVE SURGERY
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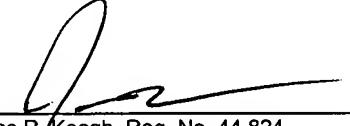
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Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with C.F.R. §§ 1.97 *et. seq.*, the materials enclosed herewith are brought to the attention of the Examiner as possibly being of interest in connection with the above-identified patent application.

Consideration of each of the documents listed on the attached Form 1449 is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. §609, Applicant further requests that a copy of the Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned with the next Official Communication.

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Copies of all non-U.S. Patent documents are enclosed except for the following documents:

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"VCS Clip Applier System," published in 1995 by Auto Suture Company, a Division of U.S. Surgical Corporation.

Copies of these documents were not available after a diligent search. Applicants believe that copies of these documents should be available in U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 08/781,577, filed on Jan. 9, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,879,371 or U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 09/259,705, filed on March, 1, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,514,265.

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